

THE SPARK GAP

MIDSTATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

N9DON, PRES. K9PDI, V. PRES. WB9AYB, SEC/TR.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Guys! Can't say that any longer as we have N9KMH-Karen Vergara, KA9WOF-Suellen Williams, KB9AXD-Debbie Julian, KB9AWK-Andrea Wendt, and KB9GTY-Barb Coboon as members of our group. It's good not to be the only woman or just one-of-the-guys!

I want to give a special thanks to KA9ZCL-Mike Ketchum, W9KRM-Irv Bradley, WB9AYB-Bob Doles and N9DLN-Larry Kemp for their participation at the Cross Country Equestrian event June 1st. Couldn't have done it without you guys. I regret the Columbus group could not join us but they had a previous engagement. See you in August, Columbus!

As of this writing we have a Masonic Home Festival going on, will have a complete report in the next issue of the newsletter.

W9PSD-Pat Pyle is Field Day chairman this year. I can't wait to taste his FLOORMAT CHILI and his SQUASH CAKE.

See you at the club meeting this saturday June 15th at the EOC. If you can't take part in the Field Day exercise but want to volunteer any equipment for our use, label it and bring it to the meeting and we'll lock it up in the MARC room until needed. 73 de N9DON, President.

NEW CALL SIGNS AS OF JUNE 1ST:

NOVICE: TECH/GEN: ADVANCED: EXTRA:
KB9GYD N9LPE KF9DT AA9AX

This information is available by calling the FCC Hot-Line at (717) 337-1212.

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ARMY GOES HIGH TECH

The foot soldier of the future may soon carry a computer the size of a cigarette pack which could pinpoint the locations of enemy troops and weapons systems. The Army has awarded a contract to study the possibility of a small high-speed computer. The effectiveness of high tech weapons in the Gulf war has inspired this new weapon for the soldier in the field. The one pound computer, available in 1995, would have some of the advanced communications and graphics capabilities found in fighter aircraft, tanks and other sophisticated weapons systems. The computer would include a pocket-size, battery-operated processing unit; a radio capable of transmitting voice and information messages; a heads-up display mounted to a helmet or worn as glasses to project an image; a hand-held device that would work like a computer mouse; and an integrated system allowing soldiers to pinpoint their exact location! It seems we are getting closer to the day when we can leave our soldiers home and just send our weapons to the war!

VEC TESTING FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 15	Franklin	NV9K	317-736-6320
June 29	Indianapolis	NQ9R	317-291-3569
July 6	New Castle	W9JUJ	317-288-0481
July 20	Rushville	N6RS	317-763-6090
July 27	Lebanon	NX9Q	317-482-1966
July 27	Connersville	NZ9H	317-825-2434

CLUB MEETING THIS SATURDAY!

FIELD DAY 1991

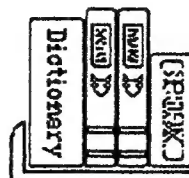


Preparations for Field Day are now under way. Pat, W9PSD is contacting different club members for the various rigs etc. that will be needed. He plans for the day to be much the same as in the past with set-up starting about 9:00 AM on Saturday June 22. There is still no indication of whether a beam will be available, but several antennas will be erected on Saturday morning. Hams having rigs to loan for use can bring them or if they can not be there arrangements have been made to store them in the MARC room at the Law Enforcement Bldg. during the club meeting on June 15. Coax, connectors, etc. will also be needed. Members should check with Pat about specific needs.

Joan, N9DON will take care of the breakfast and members are encouraged to bring food suitable for use during the day. Refrigeration is limited (to coolers) but some space will be available. Dave, KA9OOH will bring his customary ham and Pat, W9PSD has promised to bring his FLOORMAT CHILI !

The club will be operating under the usual 3A designation with a novice station. Callsigns had not been determined at time of this printing. CW operators are needed to boost our contact totals (each CW contact gets double points).

Field Day is our most popular annual event and we hope to see everyone there on Saturday and Sunday. Come and bring a friend! While you're there sit down and make a few contacts for the club!



For Your Information

MAY RESULTS OF VEC TESTING IN RUSHVILLE

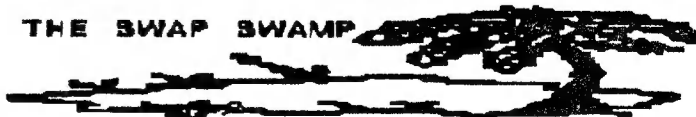
John Anderson	New	Bloom.	NC Tech
Andrew Bowyer	N9KZE	Indy	Code Tech
Earl Buchanan	New	Indy	NC Tech
John Chastain	N9IPX	Kntstwon	Advanced
Paul Conley	N9JNN	Indy	Extra
Paula Dotson	New	Indy	NC Tech
Ronald B. Fox	New	Connsvl.	NC Tech
Joseph Heckman	WA9DQA	Rshvl.	Extra
Edward Krome	KA9LNV	Columbus	Extra
Jerome Kutche	New	Indy	NC Tech
Clarence Polly	New	Austin	Novice
Don Porter Jr.	New	N. Vern	NC Tech
Keath A. Rhymer	New	Indy	NC Tech
Robert Sluder	KB9BGS	Greenwd	Advanced
Dawn Thomas	New	Indy	NC Tech

NEW AREA HAMS !

The spring novice class produced eight new novices. Several of them have indicated that they will upgrade to tech in the June VEC session. Their novice calls have arrived and are listed below.

Mina Andery	Franklin	KB9GVU
Barb Cohoon	Franklin	KB9GVV
Chris Culver	Indianapolis	KB9GVK
Anders Sandstrom	Franklin	KB9GVT
Andy Smith	Plainfield	KB9GVL
Joe Smith	Indianapolis	KB9GVV
Casey Smith	Indianapolis	KB9GVV
Lynn Wilhelm	Greenwood	KB9GVW

THE SWAP SWAMP



Want to start a Packet Station? I have what You need to get started! Call NV9K at 736-6320.